

San Juan River Master Plan Public Meeting

02/21/17 at 5:30PM

- Tonight's meeting is to discuss the 2-mile corridor through Town
- This meeting is held in coordination with the Comprehensive Plan Update 2017
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- There are a lot of amenities surrounding the river and adjacent to the river
 - Improvements, enhancements, uses, character
 - Boating/rafting, fishing, bird/wildlife viewing, walking/biking, events, free bathing options
- **Missing Uses:** public art, outdoor workout/exercise path, dog park, is this area a drone free zone, mosaic/rock sculptures, handicap access directly to the river to fish, improved bird viewing opportunities/bird blinds/better signage, more parking/better parking, restroom facilities/changing facilities, specific entrance areas with rocks, opportunity for cultural interface, trail connectivity with Reservoir Hill/maps/signage/QR Codes for information/audio tour
 - Shade structures, seating areas, wildlife viewing areas, interpretive/directional signage, restrooms with drinking water, rustic trails, boater improvements
- A new wave feature will be right before Cotton Hole
 - There are roughly 12 wave features along the river corridor
 - Wolf Creek has volunteered equipment for these endeavors
- The San Juan Master Plan process started back in 2008 to start addressing the needs of the people using the river
- **Upstream Area:** Possible boat put in area east of the Conoco Station, improved parking
 - Possibly more boater put in areas further upstream near the east entry sign/across from Buckskin Towing, possibly have a bicycle rental shop, changing areas with solar lights/signs, connectivity behind Borde Rio, connectivity to Wolf Creek Run, vendor spots along the path
 - Concerns over too many bicyclists on the trails
- **Budget Area 1:** Getting ready to replace the fishing pier, composting toilet in the area, fishing ponds, recently repaved trail
 - People visiting need camping options in Town/close to Town, underutilized venue/area, place an emphasis on the river instead of HWY 160, no signage for visitors to find fishing ponds, digital presence on Google/online maps, more educational opportunities for kids/young families, more trashcans/recycling, ADA access to river and fishing ponds, possible partnership with local colleges, ecotourism opportunities,

- **Budget Area 2:** Site of the Pioneer Museum and Waterworks facility/Rumbaugh Creek Stone Arch Bridge, opportunity site for trail expansion/connectivity, potential to build a roof over the tanks, trail connectivity along Hermosa Street/To Cotton Hole, then under the HWY 160 bridge, the sewer line under the HWY 160 bridge will need to be raised to reach the 10-foot clearance for bicyclists
 - Make the Waterworks site an interpretive education facility for water education (possible labs, water quality tests for kids, college level education, symposiums), important connector to the downtown, snow storage might be an issue at Cotton Hole, a lot of wildlife and birds come to this area and a Riverwalk extension along the river might hurt the area, most people already use Hermosa Street for river connectivity, possible signage, possibly incorporate more materials/timbers, possible covered bridge feature, reduce the Hermosa Street speed limit to 15MPH, Hermosa Street is very busy with cars/parking, possibly signage to deter visitors from using Hermosa Street as a shortcut, preserve trees/possibly create other preservation areas (trees, character, historic districts, etc.)
 - Most in favor of trail along west bank, under HWY 160 bridge
 - Option 1 Hermosa Street: 14 votes
 - Option 2 Hermosa Street to 2 Street: 22 votes
 - Option 3 All Along the River: 8 votes

- **Budget Area 3:** Downtown area/Hot Springs Blvd., changing area, plans to pave the Town Park area parking lots, sidewalk connectivity from Hot Springs Blvd. to Town Park with a cross park to Town Park, proposed Overlook improvements
 - Trash collection in the evening at Town Park, restaurants, have the Town acquire the empty lot next to the courthouse for potential parking/RV parking, acknowledge native persons with cultural amenities, better snow storage areas, parking structure next to courthouse, possibly include stone in the new Overlook design

- **Budget Area 4:** GGP site, Centennial Park, new restroom facilities installed, McCabe Creek project
 - One dome might be enough for the GGP site, develop more where McCabe Creek come into the river, possible shade sails near beach area, possible make the Geothermal building an educational opportunity, improvements between pedestrian bridges near McCabe Creek section, possibly make it easier for tubers to get out near large wave feature in front of the Overlook, more user- friendly river improvements for canoes/kayaks, possibly have sections of the trail or the entire trail be tobacco free (particularly where the playground is to the GGP site)

- **Budget Area 5:** Wetlands area, rustic trail planned near Riverwalk Condos
 - Wetlands protection/educational signage, possible singletrack along river, observation decks/blinds that are ADA accessible, more trashcans for dog waste, recycling bins, workout/exercise trail, possible distance markers

- **Budget Area 6:** Town Hall and Community Center, condominiums
 - Reservoir Hill connectivity, signage for trails/connectivity

- **Budget Area 7:** Yamaguchi Park, popular take out spot for rafters
 - Signage how to take out/where to take out, changing rooms, paved, recycling bins, signage to restrooms, weed control for thistle,
- **Downstream Area:** Sanitation ponds/Old wastewater treatment plant, decommissioned ponds
 - Possible environmental education center, possible dog park/signage, potential access points past Trujillo Road